

St Gregory's Bulletin

'Rebuild my Church Rebuild the Community'

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions to Fr Martin on 07754 057074

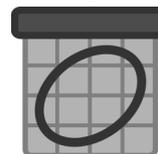
Saturday 30 Jul <i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Marjorie Kennedy
Sunday 31 July <i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	Michelle McCabe & Family
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	10am	Jennifer Coward & Family
Tuesday 2 August <i>St Eusebius of Vercelli B1 August Czartoryski</i>	10am	Winnie Amos RIP (C & J Gay)
Wednesday 3rd August	NO MASS	Fr Bernard Funnell RIP (M Funnell)
Thursday 4 August <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>		Margaret Raeburn Birthday (St Gregory's Choir)
Friday 5 August <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	12 noon	Marjorie Kennedy (Church Friends)
Saturday 6 August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	
Sunday 7 August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Terence Boardman RIP (Christine Boardman)

Parish Council elections

Nomination forms are available at the back of church and on the website during July with a deadline of **Sunday 31st July**. You are asked to nominate parishioners who are willing to stand as Parish Council Members for the next 3 years, and you need to have their permission and agreement to nominate them.

If you think that you have something to offer, please allow yourself to be nominated. Thanks.

Dates for your diary



Fridays: 11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 6 August:
The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 14 August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 1 September: World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation

Saturday 3 September: Feast of St Gregory the Great



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Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support



Reflection from Father Martin

In today's Gospel Jesus contrasts the attitude of the rich man who stores up treasure for himself here and now, rather than 'making himself rich in the sight of God'.

My cousin's wife, who is naturally a very generous person, often says, 'There are no pockets in a shroud; you can't take it with you'. And she is right!

In the context of today's Gospel, the question and the challenge is, 'What is our treasure, what are we storing up?' What is really important to us: money and wealth, happiness and health, relationships and popularity, power and status, or anything else?

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes emphasises that all our pursuit of wealth, power and status, all that we achieve is actually vanity. In the second reading St Paul encourages the Colossian community to 'kill everything in you that belongs **only** to the earthly life'. And in today's Gospel Jesus teaches that our life is not made secure by what we own, but rather by who we are and indeed the values, relationships and lasting values that we live by; these are real treasures, treasure that will last into eternity. These are the treasures worth storing up and keeping!

St Gregory's Fundraising Campaign

Our fundraising campaign is off to a very positive and encouraging start; thank you to those who have already made or pledged a contribution.

I am delighted to report that 43 parishioners have very generously pledged a total of **£74,175** over the coming five years, including gift aid, and through one-off payments and initial monthly contributions, the fundraising account is already at **£23,428.00**

This is absolutely fantastic and means that we are well on the way to paying off the parish debt to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

Holiday period and thinking ahead to September

Over these coming weeks many parishioners will be away on holiday or visiting family and friends; I wish you all a relaxing and refreshing time away, for many it has been a long time coming!

We hope that the beginning of the new academic year in September will mark another step in our 'return to normal' and so we need to begin to plan for some activities to resume or start anew. As well as the next cohort of the Reconciliation and 1st Communion programme, we are thinking of little church, of the use of our Eucharistic ministers for communion on Sundays, ideas from the Faith Development group, and social events in the hall.

You may well have other ideas to contribute to our 'Rebuild my church ... Rebuild the community' and I would be happy to hear them; please just email me or Liz on the church email so that we can begin to think and plan ahead with the Parish Council.

Message from Fr David Long

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This Friday our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the livestream for the International Mass on Sunday 31st July at 8.30am BST and for our Mass in the Grotto on Monday 1 August at 9am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website www.lourdes-france.org and click on the link.

Bishop Mark asks us to pray:

That we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes.

For the peace of the world as we entrust all humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

For all the people of our Diocese, that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed Faith and Joy

For the young people of our Diocese that amidst the uncertainties of our time they may respond with joy to their vocation in life